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Director, Office of Legislative Liaison


18 June 1985

NOTE TO: DCI

RE: Representative Michel's letter about
Peoria's economic plight

o We contacted Bob Michel's office noting that we had brought the letter to the attention of our personnel and contracts people.

o David Kehl, Michel's staffer who did the letter, was surprised and pleased to hear from us. He said it was a mass mailing piece of correspondence; no written response was expected.


Charles A. Briggs

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Remarks To 14: The DCI wants a response to Michel prepared for his signature. An interim response is needed if the final can't be done by the 19th.
 TO #6,7,13: Your office previously received this on 13 June 85.

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Executive Secretary
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June 10, 1985

Mr. William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

As you may know, a good share of the Western and Central Illinois area I represent is suffering economically and continues to have unemployment in the double-digit range.

Those of us in public life have joined with community leaders and labor leaders in a campaign to revitalize the economy and bring new business and industry into the area. There are many good projects underway.

However, the improvements of economic conditions and the attraction of new business is not enough. We all believe that the federal government can play a role. There is no reason, in my mind, why an area like ours should not be high on the list for stimulation through not only the expansion of existing federal facilities and contractual work, but the location of new federal facilities in the area as well.

It would be a great shot-in-the-arm if a federal department or agency would locate an office or other activities in our area.

Following discussions I have had with Don Regan as to how we might best accomplish this objective, I am writing to formally request that when your department considers the expansion or relocation of any office or program, Peoria be given an opportunity to make its case. If you can spread this word down through the ranks, it would be most helpful.

Attached is a short summary of what the Peoria area has to offer, including available facilities. We can readily provide information on other communities in the area as well.

This is personally very important to me, and your assistance in this regard will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,


Robert H. Michel
Republican Leader

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GENERAL INFORMATION
PEORIA AREA

The Peoria area of Illinois is home to 365,000 people. It is a community with a proud heritage and an eye toward the future. Its people enjoy a mix of big city convenience and hometown security. For an area of its size, Peoria is able to provide an outstanding array of entertainment and recreational opportunities. There are excellent schools at every level, diverse housing opportunities, and a community of people who can quickly make Peoria feel like home.

From the standpoint of a business location Peoria is an outstanding choice. The area is centrally located from both regional and national perspectives. As a result, air, rail, truck, and barge transportation services are highly developed.

In addition to its transportation advantages the Peoria area boasts a highly skilled, hard working labor force. In every conceivable occupational category the Peoria area can provide the workers necessary for a successful business operation. In addition, institutions throughout the area have renowned training and retraining programs to assist employers in the early stages of operation.

From the standpoint of livability, Peoria is a great place and getting better all the time. The community boasts outstanding park systems, libraries, schools, and recreational facilities. Entertainment has gotten a boost with the opening of the Peoria Civic Center. Basketball, professional hockey, concerts, theater, and exhibits are housed in the 25-acre project.

Peorians are proud of their home and are working hard to ensure a bright future.

FACILITIES

A large number of existing facilities for sale or lease are immediately available in the Peoria area. Included is top quality office space leasing for \$8.00-\$10.00/sq. ft. and modern, single story warehouses, distribution or industrial type buildings leasing for \$1.25-\$2.50 sq. ft. These facilities range in size from 5,000 sq. ft. to 100,000 sq. ft. in either the office space or warehouse space categories.

Several facilities are unique to Peoria and deserve special mention. They are as follows:

The Campus

The campus is a 30 building, 100+ acre complex that until recently housed a State Hospital. Its facilities range from auditorium to dormitories to office buildings to warehouses. It is a complete complex and is available at a minimal cost. The State of Illinois owns the campus and is most anxious to facilitate a job creating enterprise by providing the facilities at minimal cost.

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Caterpillar Training Center

The new, 330,000 sq. ft. Caterpillar Training Center, located in downtown Peoria, is partially completed, and is available for sale or lease.

~~Caterpillar Tractor Co. halted construction for economic reasons, and now~~ owns a beautiful office/training complex immediately adjacent to a \$65,000,000 Civic Center in central Peoria. The Company is anxious to sell or lease and will deal accordingly.

Caterpillar Tractor Co. Warehouse

Caterpillar Tractor Co. also halted construction on a 1.88 million sq. ft. warehouse in Morton, Illinois, 10 miles from Peoria. The facility is 75% complete. It is located on 250 acres of property, on I-74 and is served by rail. Caterpillar Tractor Co. is anxious to sell or lease the facility.

Central Building

A 10 story, 75,000 sq. ft. office building located in downtown Peoria is empty and available for immediate sale or lease. The facility has been taken back by a lender in a bankruptcy proceeding. The lender is anxious to sell, or remodel and lease.

Land

The City of Peoria is prepared to make available at low cost, publicly owned property for job creating purposes. Illinois Central College is prepared to make available its 400 acres of property on the same basis for the same purpose.

In all cases, inquiries of interest can be directed to Robert J. Marcusse, President of The Economic Development Council for the Peoria Area, Peoria, Illinois 61602. (309)676-0755.

PEORIA AREA STATISTICS

Population

Peoria MSA	365,864
City of Peoria	124,160
City of Pekin	33,967
City of East Peoria	22,385

Income Peoria MSA

Median Household Income	\$20,267
Per Capita Income	8,253
*Effective Buying Income	\$4,033,609,000

Banking & Finance

45 Commercial Banking Institutions

\$1,246,520,000 Bank IPC Deposits

18 Thrift Institutions

\$1,377,063,000 Thrift Deposits

\$2,623,583,000 Total Deposits

Enrollment in Colleges/Universities

Bradley University	5,600
Eureka College	500
Illinois Central College	14,500
Midstate College	425
Peoria School of Medicine/ University of Illinois	180

*Sales and Marketing Management Survey of Buying Power 1983

Airlines

Britt Airways

Mississippi Valley Airlines

Ozark Airlines

Trans World Airlines

United Airlines

Major Employers

Caterpillar Tractor Co.

Keystone Steel & Wire Company

WABCO/Dresser Industries

St. Francis Hospital/Medical Center

Methodist Medical Center

P.A. Bergners

Central Illinois Light Company